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SUBJ: PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S. OF SHAIKH SUROOR

1. SHAIKH SUROOR BIN MOHAMMED, CHIEF OF SHAIKH ZAYID'S DIWAN AND HEAD OF ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY, IS MAKING THREE-WEEK PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S. APRIL 20-MAY 8. FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK IS HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS VISIT. SUROOR WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK, MONTREAL, OKLAHOMA (AT INVITATION PHILLIPS PETROLEUM), LAS VEGAS, LOS ANGLES, SAN FRANCISCO (WHERE HE WILL BE GUEST OF BECHTEL) AND MIAMI AND THEN RETURNING HERE VIA EUROPE. THIS IS SUROOR'S FIRST TRIP TO THE U.S.. HIS PRIMARY MOTIVATION IS TO MIX BUSINESS WITH SIGHT-SEEING TO GET GOOD PICTURE U.S.A. WE HAVE OFFERED TO ARRANGE CALL ON APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BUT HE HAS POLITELY DECLINED WITH EXPLANATION THAT HE UNINVOLVED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WISHES TO KEEP THIS VISIT ENTIRELY PRIVATE. HIS BUSINESS CONTACTS WILL BE ONES CONNECTED WITH PROJECTS IN WHICH HIS OWN PERSONAL FINANCES ARE INVOLVED AS WELL AS ONES IN FIELDS OF ELECTRICAL POWER, DESALTING, AND WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS IN CONNECTION HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES. WE HAVE PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH SEVERAL FIRMS IN THESE FIELDS AND FNCB WILL ARRANGE OTHER CONTACTS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SUROOR IS COUSIN OF SHAIKH ZAYID, AND IMPORTANT OFFICIAL FOR OUR OPERATIONS HERE. WHILE SUROOR'S VISIT ENTIRELY PRIVATE, IT WOULD BE COURTESY VERY MUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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APPRECIATED BY HIM IF ONEONE FROM USUN COULD MEET HIM

UPON ARRIVAL OF JFK AIRPORT AND CONVEY MESSAGE THAT DEPT.
WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE SHOULD ANY NEED ARISE.
HIS ETA IS 1335 APRIL 20 ON PA 101. WE UNDERSTNAND THAT
AMBASSADOR GHOBASH FROM WASHINGTON AND UASG/UN REP
HUMAIDAN ARE PLANNING TO MEET HIM ON ARRIVAL. OTHER THAN
THIS GESTURE WHICH WE HOPE USUN CAN MAKE, WE ANTICIPATE
NO FURTHER NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN SUROOR VISIT.
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